Electrification of villages in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh

1458. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of villages in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh which have not so far been electrified;

(b) whether the target fixed for such electrification in these States during the last two years has been achieved; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Based on the information supplied by the Central Electricity Authority, the number of unelectrified villages in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh, as on 31-1-1990, are as under:—

State	No. of villages to be electrified
Uttar Pradesh	33178
Bihar	22142 (as per 1971 Census)
Madhya Pradesh	12770 (as on 31.12.1989)

(b) and (c) The targets fixed for the rural electrification have been achieved by the Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh during the last two years. The State of Bihar could not achieve the targets mainly because of wide-spread floods and lack of infrastructure, etc.

Price control on Bulk Vitamins

1459. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of bulk vitamins which were under price control and exempted from price control under Drug Prices Control Order, 1987;

(b) whether tt is a fact that all bulk vitamins are having monopoly production;

(c) what was the price of each bulk vitamin before DPCO, 1987 and what are their present prices;

(d) what is the percentage increase in each case;

(e) whether it is also a fact that all bulk vitamins are under uniform position and do not fulfil any exclusion criteria; and

(f) if so, on what grounds certain bulk vitamins are under price control and others are exempted from price control?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Only Vitamin A and C are price controlled under DPCO, 1987.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The requisite information with regard to Vitamin A and C, to the extent available is given in the annexed Statement. (*See* below)

(e) and (f) Government has constituted a Standing Committee to consider all matters connected with review of DPCO, 1987 and the representations made on various policy issues concerning DPCO, 1987 including inclusion|exclusion of drugs in the scheduled categories:

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of Bulk Vitamin	A/C Unit	Present Price (Rs.)	Price before DPCO, 1987 (Rs.)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Vitamin A Acetate 1000 MIU (0.5 MIU/gm Dry powder)	1000/ MIU	1608.00 (14-9-89)	2100.00
2.	Vitamin A Palmitate (1.00 MIU/gm Oily concentrate/1000 MIU)	1000/ MIU	1253.00 (14-9-89)	1300.00
3.	Vitamin A Acetate (1.00 MIU/gm Oily concentrate/1000MIU)	1000/ MIU	1253.00 (14-9-89)	1300.00
4.	Vitamin A Palmitate(1.7 MIU/gm Oily concentrate/1000 MIU)	1000/ MIU	1293.00 (14-9-89)	1300.00
5.	Vitamin 'C' Plain	Kg.	272.00 (9-2-90)	N.A.
6.	Vitamin 'C' Coated	Kg.	280.00 (9-2-90)	N.A.
7.	Sodium Ascorbate	Kg.	289.00 (9--2-90)	N.A.

Price control on ORS

1460. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his department has deleted ORS from Category-I of Drug Prices Control Order, 1987 on the ground of its formulations and bulk drugs being exempted from price control;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this is used for the National Health Programme and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare recommended for its price control;

(c) whether it is also a fact that expert committee appointed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for review of category-I drugs recommended for its price control; and

(d) what is the present price of ORS leader brand, turnover per annum, mark up enjoyed along with the cost based price?

THE MINISTER OF PTEROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare recommended for its price control under Category-I of DPCO, 1987. However, for the reasons explained in its Supplementary Report, that ORS is merely a formulation, Kelkar Committee recommended its price decontrol which was then accepted by the Government.